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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
REQUESTS FOR WAIVER FILED BY THE PORT JEFFERSON FIRE DISTRICT, NEW YORK
TO ADD A T-BAND BASE STATION**

File No. 0011989455

Comment Date: September 14, 2026
Reply Comment Date: September 23, 2026

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the above-captioned application and waiver requests filed by the Port Jefferson Fire District, New York (Port Jefferson, or the District). The District proposes to add a base station to its public safety radio system operating in the 470-512 MHz band (T-Band).¹ Per section 1.925 of the Commission's rules,² the District seeks waiver relief of section 90.305(a) of the Commission's rules because it proposes to operate a base station located more than 80 kilometers (50 miles) outside of the city center coordinates of New York, New York.³

Port Jefferson operates a single base station radio system under call sign WRZN551 on frequency pair 470/473.6375 MHz in the TV Channel 14 band (470-476 MHz). The District states that "with the transmitter at its current location, we have found that due to the hilly terrain of Port Jefferson and Belle Terre, there are areas of weak signal strength, poor building penetration and substantial dead zones, leading to poor readability and reliability which significantly impairs our effectiveness."⁴ Port Jefferson states that "[t]he requested waiver is necessary to ensure reliable communications coverage in our response area."⁵

Port Jefferson states that "the requested location of a second transmitter is approximately 50.3 miles from the New York City center point, an insignificant distance over the 50 mile limit."⁶ The District asserts that a waiver grant would serve the public interest.⁷

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first

¹ See File No. 0011989455 (filed Apr. 9, 2026), attached Letter from Craig Brozio, District Manager, Port Jefferson Fire District, Board of Fire Commissioners, to FCC, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (dated Mar. 11, 2026) (Waiver Request).

² 47 CFR § 1.925.

³ 47 CFR § 90.305(a) (the transmitter site(s) for base stations shall be located not more than 80 kilometers (50 miles) of the geographic centers of the urbanized areas listed in 47 CFR § 90.303); Waiver Request.

⁴ Waiver Request at 1.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* at 2.

⁷ *Id.* at 2.

page of this *Public Notice*. All comments and reply comments should reference the subject file number(s), waiver requests, and the DA number indicated on this *Public Notice*.

Pleadings may be filed electronically through Universal Licensing System (ULS), or by paper pursuant to the following instructions. Parties are strongly encouraged to file electronically using ULS.

- Electronic Filers: Pleadings may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ULS: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/systems-utilities/universal-licensing-system>. Each screen indicates the information to be provided or the action(s) to be performed to complete that screen. From the ULS website, to begin the process of filing a pleading click on “SUBMIT A PLEADING.” The link takes the user to the *Pleadings Information* screen. Upon completing the *Pleadings Information* screen, click “CONTINUE” to go to the *File Numbers/Call Signs* screen. Upon providing the information required on that screen, complete steps three and four at the *Attach File* and *Confirmation* screens, respectively. For more information, detailed instructions can be found in the *Public Notice* announcing the implementation of electronic filing for pleadings.⁸
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
- Filings can be sent hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
- Commercial deliveries (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service First-Class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554.
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Because of the policy implications and potential impact of this case on persons not party to the applications, it is in the public interest to treat this case as a permit-but-disclose proceeding under the *ex parte* rules. See Sections 1.1200(a) and 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a) and 1.1206. Therefore, subsequent to the release of this *Public Notice*, *ex parte* presentations that are made with respect to the issues involved in the subject waiver requests will be allowed, but must be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.1206(b).

The application, waiver request, and comments and reply comments can be accessed electronically via the Commission’s ULS, <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/universal-licensing-system>.

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⁸ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Enhances the Commission’s Universal Licensing System to Implement Electronic Filing for Pleadings*, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 424 (WTB 2006).

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By the Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

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